

Public Notice

Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

August 2009

Application for State of Washington Coastal Zone Management Act Consistency

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received an application to perform work in waters of the United States as described below.

Ecology will review the work pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act.

This notice is only intended to inform all interested parties of the proposed project and to seek comments from the public, local, state, federal, and tribal agencies. It does not indicate approval of the proposed projects by any state agency.

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Location

River Road Levee, on the right bank of the Nooksack River (between river mile 13.5 and 15.3), near Lynden, Whatcom County, WRIA 1, S. 36, T. 40N, R. 2E.

Purpose

The purpose of the project is to repair and return the damaged portions of the levee to the level of flood protection found prior to recent flood events in order to protect human safety and property.

Project Name:

River Road Levee Repairs

Public Notice Date: 8/19/09

Comment Period Ends: 9/8/09

Comments should be sent to:

Department of Ecology
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Work

The Applicant proposes to repair approximately 1,200 lineal feet (LF) of erosion damage. The following is the preferred alternative presented by the applicant:

Repairs would consist of reconstructing the levee prism at the three damage sites for a total repair length of approximately 1,200 feet. Three levee sections would be repaired, each 400 LF. The first repair (Section A) would include removing rock that was placed during temporary repairs, placing and compacting imported levee fill material within the original footprint, and placing a six-inch gravel lift on the crown. No trees would be removed in repairing this section. The second repair (Section B) would include excavating a 400 LF reach to grade, reworking the excavated material with imported material, and reconstructing the levee prism in compacted lifts on the original footprint. A six-inch gravel lift would be placed on the crown. No trees would be removed repairing this section. The third repair (Section C) would include pulling back (landward) the crown of a 400-LF section of over-steepened embankment and placing the flood repair rock from Section A on the riverward embankment. All levee embankments would be graded 2H:1V. All disturbed areas would be hydroseeded with native seed upon completion of construction. Ten to 20 small trees would be removed to complete the repair of Section C.

Comment and Review Period

Ecology is requesting comments from the public, state and local agencies, tribes, and other interested parties to evaluate the impacts of each proposed activity.

Anyone wanting to present their views about this project may do so by providing written comments within 21 days of the publication date of this notice. Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record.

Ecology will evaluate all the comments received to determine whether to approve, approve with conditions, or deny a certification for the proposed work.